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TAGS: CASC EPET KDEM NI PGOV PREL

SUBJECT: SITREP 7: PROOF OF LIFE FOR NIGERIAN HOSTAGE  
CONFIRMED, ALL REMAIN IN CAPTIVITY

REF: LAGOS 63

Classified By: Consul Alan Latimer for reasons 1.4 (b and d)

¶1. (C) The Pivot-GIS Hostage Crisis Group met February 2. American citizen Bill Graham and British National Neil Mirrlees remain in captivity. Proof of life was established for the third hostage, Ezekiel Akwa, who is a Nigerian employed as a driver by Pivot, when he spoke to Pivot's Wole Osinuapebi on January 31. Osinuapebi said Akwa sounded tired and "was worried by the snakes."

¶2. (C) Director of State Security Services (SSS) Alhaji Kola Adeshina told John Walker of Control Risks Group on February 1 that he would try to pass Oral Rehydration Treatment sachets to the kidnappers that evening. Walker emphasized to Adeshina the need for a quick release to stabilize British national Neil Mirrlee's health. (Reftel)

¶3. (C) Both Graham and Mirrlees' Nigerian wives are in Port Harcourt awaiting their husbands' release. The current release plan entails a full medical check-up in Port Harcourt once they have been released.

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